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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
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H. A. HERBERT,
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Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1068

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$1,000,000
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JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 11, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank may at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence to the business of the Bank will be sent to the Hongkong Savings' Bank, and the various Banks informed by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking
Corporation,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 704

Auctions.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot on MONDAY, the 21st day of June, 1886, at 4 p.m. are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1886. 1110

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 21st day of June, 1886, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of 2 Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

No. of Lot	Registry No.	Boundary Measurement	Surface Area	Depth	Price
1	191	Richmond Road	200,200,160,150	30,000	\$12,1800
2	No. 947	Do.	200,200,200,200	40,000	\$16,2400

Notices of Firms.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

MR. E. L. WOODIN will assume charge of this Company's BUSINESS at this Agency, during my Absence from Hongkong.

A. MCIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 3, 1886. 1091

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and Store GENERAL CARGOES, SILK, OPIUM, COTTON, GRAIN of MERCHANTISE in First-Class Granite Godown at Cheap Rates. ALSO COALS in specially constructed Sheds.

For the convenience of Commanders and Storers the Company's launch Hongkong will convey to and fro those interested FREE OF CHARGE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

FIFTH AND FINAL DRAWING.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in conformity with the Conditions under which the DRAWINGS of the above Company were issued, the following Number of Drawings to be paid off in Hongkong on the 30th day of June instant, when the INTEREST thereon will cease to be payable, were on this 4th day of June instant drawn at the Office of Messieurs JAMIN, MATHESON and COMPANY, in the presence of the Undersigned Notary.

For further Particulars, apply to W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1022

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

NEW FRENCH NOVELS:

ALPHONSE DAUDET—Tartarin sur les Alpes.

CHARLES TABARUAH—Le Legion d'Amour.

GÉRALD CHAMBAUD—Le Cheveau de Paris.

EDMUND MOULIN—La Bande des Copercches.

MARIE COLOMBIER—On En Meurt.

EMILE ZOLA—Le Gevrey.

FRANÇOIS LUDOMSKI—Tzar Archiduchesse et Burgrave.

ALIXIS BOUVIER—L'Arrière du Crime.

CHARLES MATIER—Le Dernier Caprice.

Hongkong, June 12, 1886. 151

NOTICE.

THE NUMBERS OF DIBENTURES DRAWN, ARE:

No.	104	344	480
13	172	345	481
14	173	349	486
16	179	365	487
23	180	366	490
28	185	368	492
29	193	370	496
30	200	371	498
34	208	373	504
36	215	380	507
37	225	395	518
40	234	399	523
49	237	400	527
60	248	401	530
66	251	405	533
67	258	406	535
72	261	409	540
80	274	413	543
85	275	415	544
88	279	422	545
100	280	423	548
104	290	429	553
105	293	436	567
107	299	441	568
108	301	443	569
109	308	447	571
129	314	457	573
132	320	458	574
133	325	461	575
147	327	464	581
151	329	471	588
152	331	472	589
154	336	473	594
161	343	479	599

The above DIBENTURES will be Paid at the Office of the Undersigned General Agents on and after the 30th June instant.

For the
CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

Consigned to
VICTOR H. DEACON,
Notary Public,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1886. 1103

Business Notices.



THE CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

which in the course of many years, has acquired a deservedly high reputation, as evidenced by the large demand for use here, the appreciation shown by friends at home to whom it has been sent, and the numerous Orders received for it from old Hongkong Residents in the Colonies and elsewhere.

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have the pleasure to inform the Community of Hongkong and neighbouring Ports that they have made arrangements in Foothow for a SUPPLY of their MIXTURE of the CHO

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
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HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

YORK HAMS.
ROLL BUTTER.
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EFF'S COCOA.
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MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
RAISINS and CURRANTS.
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SAVORY & MOORE'S New Infant FOOD.
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BORDEN'S
CONDENSED MILK
COOKING STOVES.

KEROSINE LAMPS.
WINES, &c.

GILDEY'S Sparkling SAUMUR, Pts. & Qua.
SAUCONE's MANZANILLA.
SAUCONE's Old Invalid PORT.
Old Bourbon WHISKY.
BURKE'S Old Irish WHISKY.
Royal Glendore WHISKY.
MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
OF

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE,
Charts. \$30 per Case of 1 doz.
Pnts. \$21 " 2 "
Dubois Eyraud & de Garnon & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS AND
WHITE WINES.
Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bros'
WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1886. 1187

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CRAIGIEBURN—MOUNT GOUGH.
THIS desirable Residence is situated on one of the best positions on the whole hill-side, and there is room for additional building.
The House is very strongly built—partly of concrete blocks, and partly of bricks on granite basement. It contains Seven Rooms, besides Dressing-rooms, Bath-rooms, etc., and Two Drying-rooms. The front Verandah is much more usually spacious, and the House at present—or enlarged as it might easily be—is suitable for a Summer Club or Hotel. There are Two Lawn Tennis Courts—one in chumman and one in grass.

Possession may be had by arrangement—and the Furniture if desired may be taken at a valuation. Two-thirds of the Purchase Money may remain on Mortgage at 7%.

For further Particulars, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, May 18, 1886. 986

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ABBE CARVER, American barque, Capt. B. Pendleton—Order.

ALFRED WATTS, American ship, Capt. H. A. Hyler—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips—Captain.

ALMA, German barque, Capt. R. Alberts—Melchers & Co.

BOWEN, Norwegian barque, Captain C. Henrikson—Tung Sang Wo.

CHARLES DEETS, American ship, Capt. L. Allana—Order.

E. J. SPROUL, British barque, Captain J. H. Gill—Order.

H. H. DREWS, German barque, Capt. A. Rothbart—Captain.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American barque, Capt. Sam'l. Barlett—Order.

GRANVILLE, British ship, Capt. R. F. Demmick—Melchers & Co.

HOLLOWAY, British ship, Captain R. F. Dutton—Russell & Co.

HENRY S. NIXON, American ship, Capt. G. W. Pendleton—Adamsen, Bell & Co.

J. D. PITTS, American ship, Capt. G. A. Lane—Messageries Maritimes.

JOHN M. BLAIR, British ship, Capt. D. F. Faulkner—Melchers & Co.

LEONORA, Austro-Hungarian ship, Capt. G. Morawetz—Melchers & Co.

LOANDA, British ship, Capt. A. J. Scott—Butterfield & Swire.

OADS, American ship, Captain Dillon—Melchers & Co.

PORTE JACKSON, British steamer, Capt. G. R. Huddy—Adamsen, Bell & Co.

WARDEN'S MINISTER, Br. surveying
Capt. Hudson—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
TUESDAY, the 15th June.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Honourable W. H. MARSH, C.M.G., Acting Governor of Hongkong.

FIRST GRANDE RÉMÉNYI CONCERT.

PROGRAMME:
Part I.

1. Piano Solo—Overture to 'William Tell'.....ROSSINI.

(Arranged for the Piano by Luckstone.)

MR. ISIDORE LUCKSTONE.

2. Aria & Rondo—'La Sonnambula'.....BELLINI.

SIGNORINA LOUISA MARCHETTI.

3. Violin Solo—Fantasie on 'Les Huguenots'.....REMENTY.

EDWARD REMENYI.

4. Song—"The Last Rose of Summer" (as sung in 'Martha').....SIGNORINA LOUISA MARCHETTI.

5. Violin Solo—'Hungarian Melodies'.....REMENTY.

EDWARD REMENYI.

6. Piano Solo—'Rhapsodie' (No. 6).....LISZT.

MR. ISIDORE LUCKSTONE.

7. Cavatina—"Erinni".....VERDI.

SIGNORINA LOUISA MARCHETTI.

8. Violin A. Nocturne (in E flat).....CHOPIN.

Solos B. 'Valse Lente' from 'Sylvia'

Ballet.....LEO DELIBES.

TRANSCRIBED FOR THE VIOLIN BY
REMENTY.

EDWARD REMENYI.

9. Waltz Song—"Il Bacio".....ARDITI.

With variations composed expressly for Signorina Marchetti by the composer.

SIGNORINA LOUISA MARCHETTI.

10. Violin Solo—'Capriccio' (Nos. 21 & 24).....PAGANINI.

(From Paganini's Famous 24 Studies.)

EDWARD REMENYI.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle. 83.00

Stalls. 2.00

Back Seats. 1.00

Navy and Military in Uniform half price to Second and Back Seats.

Plan of Hall now open at Messrs. KELLY & WATSON'S, LIMITED, where Seats may be secured.

FRANK WESTON, Manager.

Aran Courier. J. J. FOSTER.

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1164

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS'

No. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 4, OLD BAILY STREET.

Apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 632

To-day's Advertisements.

**THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS,
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
and Ports in NEW ZEALAND.**

The Steamship
Mabih, Capt. J. S. Wood, will be
despatched at above to
Porto TO-MORROW, the 15th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.**

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1161

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR AMOY AND TAMSWU.

The Co.'s Steamship
Kokin, Captain GODMAN, will be
despatched for the above

Ports TO-MORROW, the 15th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.**

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1168

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Taishou, Capt. S. Ashworth, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.**

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1170

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Canton, Capt. E. BRENNER, will be
despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 16th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.**

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1162

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Glaucus, Captain HANNAN, will be
despatched as above on

SUNDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.**

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1163

**FOR SINGAPORE, ADEN, HAVRE
AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ
CANAL.**

The Steamship
Electra, Capt. F. NAGEL, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**SIEMESSEN & Co.,
Agents.**

Hongkong, June 14, 1886. 1167

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessel. Captain. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Amoy and Tamsui. Fokien (s). Goddard. Douglas Lapraik & Co. June 15 at 3 p.m.

Bombay, via Straits. Khiva (s). F. Nagel. F. & O. S. N. Co. June 12 at 2.30 p.m.

Honolulu. Allie Rowe. J. Phillips. Wied & Co. June 23 at noon.

London and Ports of Call. Verona (s). M. de Horne. Gibb, Livingston & Co. June 15 at 4 p.m.

London and Hamburg. Diomed (s). Bigley. Butterfield & Swire. June 17 at 4 p.m.

Marseilles, &c., via Saigon. Djemnaik (s). Adamson. Bell & Co. June 20.

Marseilles, Genoa, &c. Djemnaik (s). Adamson. Bell & Co. June 24 at noon.

Nagasaki and Yokohama. Belge (s). Frost. Pacific Mail S. S. Co. About June 20.

San Francisco, via Yokohama. City of Peking (s). Frost. Pacific Mail S. S. Co. July 3 at 3 p.m.

San Francisco. St. David. F. H. Drews. Gibb, Livingston & Co. About June 16.

Sandakan. F. H. Drews. Bremner. June 16 at 4 p.m.

Shanghai. Canton (s). Gladius (s). Butterfield & Swire. June 20.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta (en route). Orestes (s). T. S. Gardner. David Sasoon Sons & Co. About June 22.

New regulations for the licensing of passenger steam-launches, or steam vessels of less than fifty tons burthen, are published in Saturday's *Gazette*, table F of Ordinance 8 of 1879 being cancelled. By the new regulations the masters and engineers will be required to possess a certificate of qualification recognised by the Board of Trade, or a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong; and, in order to prevent the abuse of these certificates, each holder, on his obtaining a certificate, shall produce three copies of a photograph of himself, one to be attached to his certificate of competency, one to the vessel to which he may belong and another for record in the Harbour Office. There is good reason to believe that these licensees have hitherto been made use of by other men than those who obtained them, and it is thought this new provision will put a stop to this practice. The owners of every licensed steam-launch will be required to cause the license to be framed and exhibited in a conspicuous part of the cabin. We trust that the certificates come to be renewed, the Surveyors will insist on the owners providing their launches with a rope rail, or some other guard round the sides so as the better to secure the safety of the passengers. No launch is properly fitted to carry passengers without some such provision.

LURRS further has been brought to light regarding the riots that took place on Friday afternoon. All the prisoners who were arrested on Saturday afternoon have, with the exception of the luukong Li Afan, been discharged. All that could be brought against them was that they were found in Li Afan's house and were supposed to belong to his party. There remain, therefore, in gaol, but the 20 men connected with the disturbance in Praya West and the 14 men charged with the disturbance in Gough Street; and of these, it is quite possible, that there may be one or two against whom it will be difficult to get incriminating evidence. There seems to be little doubt, although his actual complicity may be difficult to establish, that the luukong Li Afan is one of the heads of the Triad Society, and that, as such, if he did not actually instigate the riot, he must know about it, and neglected to give information about it, which was his duty as a policeman. There are other suspicious circumstances that tell against him. One is that he was chiefly concerned in the arrest of the boarding-house keeper, who was charged with unlawfully detaining a man for emigration purposes, and who, on being acquitted, brought the charge of perjury against his calumniators. It was the house of this boarding-house keeper on the Praya West that was attacked during the first disturbance, and it is said that the allegation of making a charge of 30 cents was only put forward to hide the real design, which was revenge for prosecuting the witnesses. With regard to the Gough Street riot, as the leader of what is called the Man On section of the Triad Society, he wished, it is said, to retaliate on the shop-keeper Lo Aluk, who boards chair coolies and who refused to join the society of which the luukong is the head. He will be tried on Tuesday along with the 14 men, who are accused of rioting in Gough street and with being members of a secret society. There can be no doubt also that as one of the chiefs of the Triad Society many of the other luukongs are at his beck and call. It is therefore much to be hoped that a searching enquiry should be made into the affairs of this secret society, and also into the trustworthiness of some of the native contingent of police.

The remains of Mr. Daywod were removed on the 2nd instant from the granite mausoleum in the Yokohama cemetery, where they have remained since his decease last December, and were taken on board the Russian frigate *Vladimir Monomah*, which was waiting with crossed yards and steam up ready to proceed at once to Nagasaki. At this port the remains of the deceased minister were to be placed on board one of the transports belonging to the Russian Volunteer Fleet and be conveyed to Europe.

The appointment of Mr. Warren Green, the United States Consul-General in Yokohama, having failed to obtain the confirmation of the Senate, Mr. Charles Greathouse was nominated in his place on the 11th ultimo. The latter gentleman had, it is stated, tried to secure the office of Post-Master-General for San Francisco, but abandoned the attempt. It is generally considered that Mr. Greathouse's good reputation among members of the Senate will enable him to obtain the sanction of that body to his recent nomination.

Says the *Japan Mail*. Fly-catching has been long known to be an exhilarating as well as an intellectual pastime, but we fancy it has not occurred to many persons that the occupation can be productive of direct pecuniary gain. That there is money in the business, however, is a point which can hardly be doubted now, for we learn from the *Meiji Shimbun* that, in Tokyo, flies are quoted at a dollar per 100. The commodity is devoted to the sustenance of *togita*, a fresh water fish which sings, and being a songster, has no spare moments in which to do its own fly-catching.

The *Nagasaki Express* of Saturday, the 5th instant, intimates—H. B. M.'s iron-clad *Audacious*, flagship of Admiral Hamilton, the steel cruiser *Leander*, and the gun-boat *Aspid*, arrived from Port Hamilton on Sunday morning last, and were followed by the *Champion*, *Cleopatra*, *Pegasus* and *Wanderer*, from the same port yesterday p.m. The *Repose*, we believe, expected and the *Conqueror* and *President* will also probably join the squadron here. The *Audacious* was docked for general overhauling on Tuesday morning, and is expected that she will remain there until the afternoon of the 13th inst., when which the squadron will proceed north.

The P. & O. steamer *Thibet*, which arrived here yesterday, bringing mails from Japan, reports—From Nagasaki to China Coast had moderate weather; from China to Hongkong experienced strong N.E. winds with considerable sea. To the N.E. of Turnabout a junk collided with the vessel and received so much injury that the crew seventeen in number, had to be taken off her and on board the *Thibet*. When off Pedro Blanco stopped and rescued three men from a water-logged fishing junk.

Says the *N.C. D. News* of the 8th June:—The tug boat *Rocket* is now safe inside the Old Dock, to which she was towed by the Falcon Saloon, proceeded to Shanghai on Tuesday last, with a number of Japanese Wax-work figures, which he proposed exhibiting at the open ports in China, and afterwards at Hongkong and Macao; and in the event of them being well received at those places he will probably extend his tour to Australia. As the figures have never been exhibited here, we are not in a position to pass an opinion on their merits.

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st May, 1886, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, are published in the *Gazette*:—

Bank.	Average Specie in Amount.	Reserve.
Chart. Merc. Bank of India & C. Chinn.	\$ 8	\$ 8
Bank of India,	477,505	100,000
Australia and China,	1,140,658	600,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,	2,621,387	1,400,000
	4,248,550	2,100,000

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TWO companies of divers, says the *Mainichi Shimbun*, have obtained permission from the Prefects of Saga and Fukuoka to save the wreck of a foreign vessel sunk between Takashima and Himejima two hundred and forty-two years ago. An old record that early in the morning of June 8th, 1st year of Shōwa (1644), a foreign vessel, about three hundred feet long, put into the bay between the islands above named. Two feudal lords, in whose domain the islands were included, immediately despatched hundreds of boats laden with inflammable material to set fire to the strange vessel, which was at last burned and sunk. Eight guns on board the vessel were brought ashore at Karatsu and six at Chikuzen, but the hull and its contents sank on the spot. Some inhabitants of Karatsu and Fukuoka who have recently obtained positive proof of the existence of the sunken vessel, are about to commence the work of salvage.—*Japan Mail*.

THE citizens of Tokyō soon resented (says the *Japan Mail*) to have their streets embellished with the electric light. Capital is competing for the first order for machinery in the hope that it will lead to others. We can only say of this project that unless it succeeds better than its predecessors, the luxurious example to Tokyō is not likely to be followed by other cities.

The electric light is a very pretty ornament. It adorns a town immensely and imparts to the streets an aspect of delicate glitter which is decidedly attractive. But it has one terrible drawback—an unhappy habit of blinking. The wafarer finds himself at one moment walking through radiance, and at another plunged in utter darkness. In Shanghai there are electric lights, but there are gas-lamps also. The former make a great show, but the latter alone are trustworthy. When the electric light appears on a lamp-post, the comparatively feeble but constant gas performs the duty of a substitute. The two in combination are exceedingly nice, and very costly. Perhaps the people of Tokyō had better look into this matter.

THE Chinese Revenue Cruiser *Kwachung*, one of the most familiar objects of naval architecture on the Hwangpo—is very shortly to be withdrawn from its field of usefulness. The *Kwachung* showed so many defects in her boilers especially, that it would not be worth while to go to the expense of thoroughly repairing the vessel. The *Kwachung* has therefore been condemned, and will probably pass long under the auctioneer's hammer. She has certainly proved a very useful vessel to the Harbour Department, and her career has been exceptionally free from accidents. The *Kwachung* came out to China in 1862. She went by the name of *Tzian*, and was playing as a tug-boat for several years on the river. In 1867 the Harbour authorities purchased the vessel to be used as a revenue cutter. In 1877, besides being lengthened by three feet, she underwent extensive repairs. In the course of a few years a new vessel has been procured to fit the *Kwachung*'s place, the tug-boat *Pulse*, which has been found to be the best adapted for service as a tender to the lighthouses, will act as such, and she will leave on her first trip at once.

THE quarantine officers of Yokohama, says the *Mainichi Shimbun*, having received intimation of the arrival of a foreign vessel in the harbour on the 28th ultimo at 12.15 a.m., were about to proceed to the vessel when they received a telegram from the quarantine station at Nagaura stating that the British steamer *Mosse*, with passenger and cargo from Kobe, had left Nagaura without completing the disinfecting process. The officers in Yokohama then boarded the vessel, and, stating that he had received a communication to the above effect from Nagaura, ordered the captain to stop the passengers who were about to go on shore, and return to Nagaura. The captain replied that all the passengers on board the vessel had undergone disinfection except two Japanese, and that he had left Nagaura without the permit under the impression that the authorities were not going to grant it, as the inspector's boat could not approach the *Mosse* owing to the rough sea. Mr. Mitsubishi, president of the Inspection Bureau, boarded the vessel in the mean time, and after a lengthened discussion he ordered the vessel to go to Nagaura without reference to the interpretation.

The *Mosse*, which had been docked at the Amakura, having the colour of yellow ochre, turned darker in the course of time. Its veins are of a deeper dye. The *Nava Amarilla* is frequently met with, especially in the province of Laguna de Bay.

P. C. FULLERTON, who was recently heavily fined and sentenced to a period of imprisonment by the U.S. Consul General in Yokohama, for assisting the payment of the U.S. man-of-war *Osprey* for rice, has appealed against the decision on the ground that he was not an American subject. This appeal has been dismissed, and a new trial will now be applied for.

SAYS the *N.C. D. News* of the 8th June:—The tug boat *Rocket* is now safe inside the Old Dock, to which she was towed by the Falcon Saloon, proceeded to Shanghai on Tuesday last, with a number of Japanese Wax-work figures, which he proposed exhibiting at the open ports in China, and afterwards at Hongkong and Macao; and in the event of them being well received at those places he will probably extend his tour to Australia. As the figures have never been exhibited here, we are not in a position to pass an opinion on their merits.

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st May, 1886, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, are published in the *Gazette*:—

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